

Year 11 Newsletter

Edition 2 Spring 1



Dear Year 11 Families, thank you for supporting the start of a busy term. We have our second round of mock exams starting Monday 10th February, where they will last for 3 school weeks. Just like the real exams, a half-term will sit in between, which will help support revision. At Parents evening this Thursday, families will receive a blank revision timetable for students to fill in, in order to support their time management. Here is the exam timetable:

[February Yr 11 Mock 2 2025 for parents - Google Sheets](#)

Where there is a morning exam, students are welcome to come to the canteen from 8am, for a complimentary light breakfast.



In the press: Here is one of our mentoring groups. Mervyn Mensah, CEO of 'Focus Mode' comes in every Friday to lead motivational sessions with selected students. These students are working on securing Grades 5 in Maths and English.

Key Dates:

- **Interim 2** : Thursday 16th January. These will be handed out at Parents' evening
- **Parents evening**: Thursday 23rd January 4-7pm. Please book on schoolcloud.
- **Maths and English Parent sessions**: Tuesday 28th January 4-5pm. Invites have been sent via email.
- **Boost your grade fortnight**: Monday January 27th for 2 weeks
- **Mock 2**: W/C Monday 10th February for 3 school weeks.

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Revision tips:

The difference between a Grades 4 (standard pass) and a Grade 5 (good pass and will allow students to pursue A levels in September,) is the amount of work students do outside of the classroom. For example, on the left, Maansi in 11M1 uses break at lunch times to go over key concepts before her next lessons. Our KS4 space is available every lunch time to Year 11s, in BF04. Here students have a supervised area with desk areas and computer areas too. In addition to extra study time in school, the Grade 4 to 5 jump can be supported by ensuring that your child does at least 2 hours revision per evening. 30 mins on 2 from English, Maths or Science and then 30 mins from 2 of their options/ language. Students should revise away from distractions, such as the TV or their phone, and take 10 min breaks between each subject. Students may want to increase this to 5 or 6 slots of 30 mins, in the run up to exams.

Weekly Attendance:

11M3 have the highest attendance!

Everyday counts.

Attendance has the biggest link with attainment.

Students should not have any days off in Year 11, especially in the run up to or during the exams, as this makes it difficult to catch up.

Revision strategy of the week: Symbol writing.

Record a paragraph or section of information from your book without using any words. You can only use pictures or symbols. The pictures or symbols should make sense to you – so you don't need to be an artist! Stick men will do!

Then, put away your book and, using only your symbol writing, see how much of the information you can remember.